

THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

After reliving the great events of the life of Christ, the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green (except for Trinity Sunday) during the season of Pentecost as the Spirit uses those teaching of Jesus to grow the faith of believers.

Our path for worship in the coming weeks is as follows:

THE BELIEVER HEARS JESUS' WARNINGS...

Pentecost 13 The Word doesn't bring peace, but division

Pentecost 14 The door to heaven is narrow

Pentecost 15 The first will be last...humble yourselves

Today Pentecost 16 Count the cost of discipleship

FOR THE CHILDREN

A Staffed Nursery is available for your use at any time during the service. It is located down the hallway to the right of the restrooms.

A Cry-Room area is available if your little ones need a moment. Simply use the hallway located out the gymnasium doors by the water fountains.

Children's Activity Sheets give activities and lessons pertaining to the Scripture lessons for the day. Ask an usher near the table as you enter the worship space.

CHRIST ALONE LUTHERAN CHURCH

He Did It All!

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PENTECOST 16

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. Please take a moment to sign our guest register as you leave this morning.

- ✓ **Restrooms** are located across the hallway as you exit the gymnasium by the water fountains.



TODAY'S THEME:

COUNT THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

DIVINE SERVICE II

OPENING HYMN, #735, *Speak, O Lord*



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - ion us in your like - ness That the
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to-day In our acts of
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
grace we'll stand on your pro - mis-es, And by faith we'll

love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and full -
 love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
 walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your

fill in us All your pur - pos-es for your
 nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver
 Church is built And you fill the earth with your

glo - ry.
 un - be - lief.
 glo - ry.

Last time

INVOCATION

L(eader): In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C(ongregation): Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- L:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.
- C:** **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

L: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

KYRIE¹

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

L: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

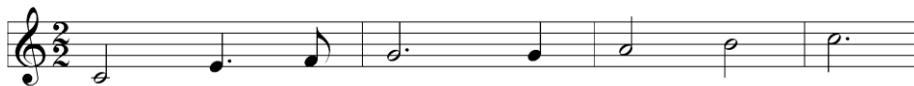
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: **Amen.**

¹ The word *Kyrie* is a Greek word from the phrase *Kyrie eleison* which means, "Lord, have mercy!" This is the most heartfelt cry of a believer to his Lord. It is not a cry for forgiveness, but a cry for mercy that our Lord and King hear us and help us in our necessities and trouble. Christians have been praying the *Kyrie* at Sunday worship for more than 1700 years (that's why its name is Greek, the language most commonly spoken at the time). This morning, may it also be our heartfelt cry to our Lord and King.

GLORY BE TO GOD²



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
 2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
 3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
 4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
 For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
 You take all hu - man sin a - way.
 The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,
 For all, O Fath - er, you have done
 Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
 We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
 Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
 From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
 "All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

The leader says the Prayer of the Day.

C: Amen.

² Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 12:1-8

¹ The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

² "I will make you into a great nation
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you."

⁴ So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. ⁵ He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 19

Read responsively with the leader.

L: The heavens declare the glory of God;

C: the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

L: Their voice goes out into all the earth,

C: their words to the ends of the world.

L: The law of the LORD is perfect,

C: giving joy to the heart.

L: The commands of the LORD are radiant,

C: giving light to the eyes.

L: They are more precious than gold;

C: they are sweeter than honey.

L: By them is your servant taught;

C: in keeping them there is great reward.

L: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

C: be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Redeemer.

THE SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-11

If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:

⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless. ⁷But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia.

—*Philippians 4:4*

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 14:25-33

L: The Gospel according to Luke chapter 14.

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

²⁵Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? ²⁹For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

³¹"Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.



L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: #752, *In Christ Alone*



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2 In Christ a - lone - who took on flesh, Ful - ness of
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, Light of the
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe. This gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fin - al



ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 ness, Scorned by the ones he came to save.
 day Up from the grave he rose a - gain!
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died, The wrath of
 And as he stands in vic - tor - y Sin's curse has
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for - ter, my all in
 God was sa - tis - fied; For ev - 'ry sin on him was
 lost its grip on me, For I am his and he is
 pluck me from his hand; Till he re - turns or calls me



all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine - Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



SERMON:

Count the Cost of Following Jesus

1. *What you'll lose*
2. *What you'll gain*

Luke 14:25-33

THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING:

The members of Christ Alone Lutheran Congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

THE SACRAMENT

✓ *Christ Alone Lutheran Church practices close communion. We ask that only members partake of the Sacrament.*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

L: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY³

1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is
might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To
count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -
save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -
in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
liv - er us from bond - age—Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

³ *Sanctus* means “holy.” Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD⁴

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



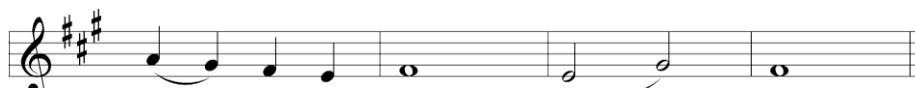
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

THE DISTRIBUTION:

⁴ Jesus is God's Lamb (*Agnus Dei*), who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.

SONG OF SIMEON⁵

Nunc Dimittis



1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to



as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -



car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en - light - en
ev - er three in one; For as in the be - gin - ning,



All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une



crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

THE LORD'S BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #469, *Take My Life and Let It Be*

⁵ The *Nunc Dimittis* ("Now dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon." Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

Announcements

Welcome Visitors and Guests: We are glad that you are with us this morning, and we pray that you will worship with us again soon. God's richest blessings to you!

September 4 - 11:

Today	10:00AM	Meet & Greet
Worship	10:30AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday	10:00AM	Pastors' Circuit Meeting – Immanuel, NRH
Wednesday	5:45PM	Confirmation
Thursday	7:30PM	Faithbuilders
Sunday	9:15AM	Sunday School; Bible Class
	10:30AM	Worship – Kick Off Sunday

Kick Off Sunday: Our Sunday School and Bible Class will kick off next Sunday, September 11th. We'll gather at 9:15am for this Christian education hour. The children will be studying Bible history—essential for understanding the story of salvation. The adults will begin the year by the studying the doctrine of the "Theology of the Cross."

Adult Bible Class will begin Sunday, September 11th. We'll be studying God's doctrine of the theology of the cross by using Professor Dan. Deutschlander's book "The Theology of the Cross"—*Reflections on His Cross and Mine.*" See you there!

Every Member Pastor Visits: Pastor Seager will be visiting every member family in August and September. If you have not yet scheduled a visit from Pastor please contact Trisha Murry. This will be a great way for our Christ Alone family to be grounded in the Word and connected to each other.

Fall Festival is right around the corner. Planning has begun. The date of the Fall Festival has been re-established for Sunday, November 6th. It came to our attention that parts of Kay Granger are not available on October 23rd. Please plan now to bring a friend, a neighbor, an acquaintance, or a neighbor.

Commitment Sunday: As some have already learned through Pastor's home visits, October 2nd is "Commitment Sunday." This is the Sunday members will pledge their offering to the Lord for 2017. If you haven't heard of this yet, Pastor Seager will discuss it in more detail when he visits.

Important Dates in the Months Ahead:

September 11:	Kick Off Sunday (Sunday School and Bible Class begin)
October 2:	Commitment Sunday
October 23:	Annual Meeting
November 6:	Fall Festival
November 23:	Thanksgiving Eve Devotion and Bonfire

August - September Volunteer Schedules

Sunday

Sunday	Friendship Register		Nursery	Video Taping
Aug 7	Brenden Eicksteadt	Isaac Murry	G.Rogish/Tranberg	Garrett Bartels
Aug 14	Aurora DeAmicis	Jessica Horn	Bartels/Gross	Christopher Gross
Aug 21	Grant Thowe	Addison Fleisher	Covarrubias/J. Sampe	Stas Snapp
Aug 28	Landon Tranberg	Nadia Covarrubias	Lewis/Fleisher	Dalton Gross
Sept 4	Autumn Chatmon	Aiden Chatmon	Murry/Tranberg	Julia Sampe
Sept 11	Nathan Covarrubias	Ashley Horn	G.Rogish/Bartels	Dylan Sampe
Sept 18	Pejah Berens	Eliana Seager	Gross/Covarrubias	Dominic Gross
Sept 25	Samantha Fleisher	Ava Narten	Fleisher/J. Sampe	Micah Berens

Ushering Teams

August				September			
Brown	Matt	Bassler	John	Horn	John	Fronk	Rob
LaRocque	Brian(AV)	Thowe	Travis	Gross	Chris(AV)	Lecker	Jeremy
Narten	Don	Schrandt	Todd	Gross	Christopher	Berens	Chad
Covarrubias	Edgar	Sampe	Aaron	Gross	Dalton	Collura	Alex
Becker	Michael	Hamil	Heath	Gross	Dominic	Becker	Michael

ABOUT CHRIST ALONE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christ Alone Lutheran Church is a new Christian congregation, a mission plant of the third largest Lutheran church body in America. Christ Alone congregation held its first service on January 10, 2010. More recently, Christ Alone purchased 11 acres of land on Main St. in Keller. By God's grace, Christ Alone Lutheran remains focused on our mission of reaching out with the good news of the Savior Jesus Christ who died on the cross to pay for all sins and rose again to give eternal life.

Christ Alone Lutheran Church worships the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We accept the Bible as God's inspired and errorless word. It is the only source of truth for life and for eternity.

Christ Alone is dedicated to preaching the truth, that God has prepared a way to save sinners from eternal damnation by sending His Son, Jesus Christ. By Jesus' perfect life and innocent death, the sins of all people have been paid for in full. Jesus' resurrection is proof of this! Whoever believes (trusts) in Jesus has the forgiveness of sins, possesses eternal life now, and has a certain future with Jesus in heaven. Believers in Jesus have been given the new life of faith by which they offer their lives in service to the Lord and all people.

The mission of Christ Alone is to proclaim this eternal gospel (the good news), *“that God was reconciling the world to himself **in Christ**, not counting men's sins against them”* (2 Corinthians 5:19). It is this gospel that gives our church its name: Christ Alone Lutheran Church—*He did it all!*

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